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Lamar was confirmed by a vote of 32 to 28.

This of course-from him.

indicates the passage of the Blair bill by both houses of Congress.

The "literary editor" of the Houston Postcredits the line, "Fools rush has all this to do with the position in where angels fear to tread," to and mission of the Face Passs Shakespeare. We thought everybody knew it was from Pope.

was one of the worst ever known. dead beat business, no subscriptions About one hundred persons are esti- are taken or retained for it without a lent coal famine greatly aggravated they will be paid. Dead advertisethe distress.

We notice with regret an aunonncement of the recent death of Rolla Ryan, the well-known com Texas, while on a professional tour. Alas, poor Yorick!

ment printing office a file of the indulge in indiscriminate pulling, the beginning of the present session ed, and does not heaitate, however question any special study?" to the 13th inst. If any M. C. fav- regretfully, to criticise, or condemn, his name.

cured the appointment to the Mexi- public interest. On the contrary, it wealthy and enterprising citizens, and can Mission. He is said to be well is always ready to show its hand, and am gratified to find the idea has at qualified, but we have not seen it always on the side of the people mentioned whether or not he is a tee- generally. It assumes no superior totaler-the grand requisite, as has wisdom, but claims the simple priviappeared, for that position.

The Fort Worth Mail says: A Los Angeles paper comes to hand which contains the delinquent assessment list of the city of Los Angeles for the current year. It is composed in all the lines of human rights and ad- board of trade? close nonpareil type, and fills fortyfour columns of the paper. The columns are twenty-six inches long. It merely goes to show that there are two sides to the boom.

priest of New York, received a Christ mas present of \$1,200 from his old After some personal references indiparishioners. This is \$400 more cating as we "guess" prejudice of wealth both to the individual and than his former salary. We notice growing out of the prohibition con- and to the whole city and county? with pleasure that he continues to test, editor Baker says : have a large following among Cathor affiliations as American citizens.

whelming majority to tax itself for pany and retire from the field. another ten cents on the \$100 to By way of text we will notice some build an additional school house for points of the above.

paper, but he manages to get out a people

always found to characterize him.

prise of Col. Rose are undoubted, if snewern itself. himself better than we do.

Mission.

1 00 tained by the enterprising publisher story. agree to take it, risking the chances majority of our citizens. of getting any pay. He charges on-Postrivery no communication published unless ly about half the rates of respectable space is dear at that.

As regards questions of public into the various clubbing terms terest, he manifests no fixed princiwe offer to new or renewing ples, but is a time-server, trying to advance-paying subscribers to please all. His grand supposed winthe FREE PRESS. We feel ning card is to praise everybody alike persuaded that no other pa- and indiscriminately,-to "lay it on thick" with an unsparing hand. The per in Texas offers so attracconvenient tool and repected by no

The literary staple of his paper, (aside from its profuse, gratuitous Judge Cook comes out strongly puffs) is made up of poor little items against the immigration movement, of street corner news and carbstone gossip. It advances no idea, discusses no principle, but is infatuated The latest news from Washington with the idea that its line of small beer paragraphs is the some of jour. nalism.

But the reader may inquire, what Why, just this, the latter are the very opposite of what we we have imperfectly diffineated. The The recent blizzard at the North Free Press contains no dead-head or ments are not tolerated-all are promptly taken out at the expiration of the time paid for. A fair, living, uniform price is charged for them, people of the country, full value re- the interview below: ceived is assured to its advertising We have received from the Gover- patrons. Editorially it scorns to

> Nor does it seek to evade or temlege of expressing its opinions, con ceding the right of others to do the same. Its mission is to hold up the standard of morality, education and

public so requires.

Dr. McGlynn, the excommunicated no doubt unintentionally—both to living in this country will ever starve, the FREE PRESS and its constituents. but why struggle for a bare subsist-

Editor Julian gets up a good pahave a large following among Cath-olics, who repudiate the right of the interests of San Marcos and Hays Pope to dictate their political views county. He is not, however, en rapport with the majority of the citizens of his county, and seems willing and San Antonio refused by an over anxious to sell out to a stock com-

prefers an ignorant class of voters. slap to to the people of our town and money and population to our country loons and their votes can be bought does, that although we are publish- showing them our magnificent scener The San Marcos Fanz. Pages has ty grounds of personal prejudice. Alaska have failed to retard the flor

good paper, and will eventually come 2. Not content with the above, the possibilities for development, and ont on top. At least the Journal the Citizen goes on to broadly assert that we are not in accord with the may wish to exaggerate our agricultural possibilities The above from Bro. Edmondson end for the LaGrange Journal is in the ty. We wonder the absurdity of presented by the last census. By just and monly style which we have such a statement never occurred to turning to that we find that for the We have been remiss in not having that we have successfully sustained by was 0.41 bule per acre, that it resooner noticed the "Old Capitol", a a paper here for over diffeen years quired two and one half acres to pronew newspaper venture conducted past. Could we have done that with duce one baic. For the same period. The many times cannot by follow, enthery of

seems to us that he could not have 3. Assuming thus gratuitously but the improved methods of agriculselected a better place for hiding his that the unjority of our people are ture and farming implements leave light under a bushel. His paper not framely disposed toward us, he made up the difference, and with two hails from Columbus. Fort Rend Co. proceeds to give that as the rosson while the process of goals cases we will probably increase our average.

Very likely, however, he understand to why as he says, we were "widing "With our inexhaustible valley"

OLD NEWSPAPERS, for wrap

A too common type of the country reason for wishing to sell the fact say that irrigation is always an adnewspaper in Texas, is one of which that we had been in the business so Twenty years ago Colorado was an but little can be said in its favor. In long, and preferred to turn our efforts alkali desert covered with sage brush. business it is a slouch if not a fraud. into other channels. For this reason To-day the one little town of Greeley A considerable part of its ostensible we are willing, not anxious, to sell, to pays taxes on nearly as much propadvertisements are "dead," and the a stock company or any other party. unfortunate who once gets an adver- We suggested a stock company betisement in its columns is frequently cause the subject had been broached ed into a corporation with thirty-five unable to get it out again. Long by others, and to silence the cavils after it has fulfilleds its mission, and of the handful of the dissatisfied with dred miles of ditches, and a property he has almost forgotten it, it is re- the FREE PRESS. That is the whole

to "fill up." For the same reason | Come up to Hays county, Colonel, he spreads out his advertisements to and talk with our people, and you will refused to longer yield their fabulous three or four times their proper size, soon be able to form a more correct ALL COMMUNICATIONS for the Page Pages should be without additional pay, while he conclusion as to the standing of the sent in on Monday to Insure insertion the same sends out his paper to whoever will Free Press and its editor with the to learn from their predecessors, the

> ufactures, tells the story. As a sam-Decatur. The capital now employed cotton were planted—the average by them is over \$4,000,000 and their product without irrigation is, we will works will cover over fifty acres of duct would immediately leap to one

When will San Marcos' turn come? to one and a half bales. The increas

opinion that the pistol law is a failpistol law is not responsible for train. stage, or highway robberies.-Ex.

This law has only been a failure where it has not been impartially enforced, and scions of the "first families have been held exempt by public sentiment dictating the faithessuess of officials.

IRRIGATION, ETC.

the Key Note of Permancat Prosperi- under cultivation. ty m Western Texas.

The Austin Statesman a short time since interviewed Capt Walsh on the attract his attention. subject of irrigation, which is fast beand because of its established circu coming the paramount question He died near Trinity, lation among the solid well-to-do in the fature of Texas. We copy

"Captain, Mr. Wooldridge in his remarks before the board of trade referred to you as being interested in the irrigation project now under the irrigation project now under Wondrously beautiful! darkly enchanting! of the Congressional Record from gives praise only where it is deservidisenssion. Have you given the

I have, for ored us he was too modest to give where its paramount duty to the of the practicability and advisability of irrigating the Colorado valley, and for the past year have been urging its advantages. I have discussed the Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin, has se- porize as regards any question of question with many of our most last assumed a question of mode. The valley will certainly be irrigated in the near future.'

"Did you read Mr. Wooldridge's article in last Sanday's issue?" "I did, and in the main features, viz.: that it is practical and that it is

a necessity, I agree with him." "Did you hear Judge Terrell's repolitical principle, and to lead off on marks on the subject before the

"I did, and was sorry he made them. I am no more anxious than Such is our programme and plat- the judge to advertise our country form. Reader, how do you like it? as a desert, but I recognize the fact that agriculture here without irriga-The Colorado Citizen, noticing our tion is a lettery. It is true that no new volume, does great injustice- man depending upon farming for a ence when a little enterprise and capital will make agriculture a source

> "The judge says that in thirty-five he may be right, but the farmer who Passa together. toils for twelve months and does not harvest enough to pay for the year supplies is firmly convinced that be

has made a failure. "It is proposed to invite capitalist and agriculturists to visit our section the negroes. Of course, San Antonio 1. The Citizen administers a hard this spring, with a view of adding They are better patrons of the sal county by broadly intimating, as it I do not hope to convince them the cheap. Or peradventure, she is wait- ing a good paper, stannelly devoted and demonstrating our healthful el ing for the passage of the Blair bill to their interests, they are small and mate. The fever-laden jungles of mean enough to proscribe us on pet- Africa and the ice-bound cliffs e entered upon its seventeenth volume. We repel this as an aspersion on our ple reason that money could be made travel since be assumed control of the (generally) just and liberal minded there. So it will be here. State facts to our visitors and show the the writer, in view of the fact that erange cutton product of Travis counby Victor M. Rose. While the estimated with the majority of the people uninfriendly to ust. The question present decade the consonal have the consonal have present decade the consonal have the consonal have present decade the consonal have the co

and antions to soil out to a stock soil and our unferling valley soil and pine paper, 25c [2100, at this office.

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When the gold fields of California

wealth, attention was turned to the soil. The enterprising men who composed her population were quick Mexicans, the value of irrigation, and to day the boom of the golden state By an extra of the Free Lance, is the wonder of the world. Without published at Decatur, Ala., we learn irrigation, the state would be depop-"gouge" occurs,) and his advertising that that place is enjoying a boom wlated within twelve months. These and no mistake, and is already trans- instances could be multiplied, but it is useless, and I have referred to them formed from a sleepy country village merely to show that the fact that irof a thousand inhabitants into a rigation is a necessity will not deter pushing, bustling city. Northern capital from seeking an investment in capital and enterprise, starting man any country. On the contrary, put 20,000 to 50,000 acres of our valley under irrigation, and the prosperity ple, it is stated that the Urbana, O., of our town is assured. Property car works, the largest of the kind in will advance in value and capital will the world, are about to remove to flow in. Suppose that nothing but

> ed product for one year would more The Austin Statesman expresses the | than repay the total cost of irrigation. During the past few months the ure. It does not look couch like a dealers of this city have paid for imfailure in this, Milam county, when ported vegetables over \$20,000 per at the last term of the county court, month, at the rate of \$240,000 per there were four or five convictions annum. All of these could be prowith the jail penalty attached. The duced on 1,000 acres of irrigated land and the money be kept at home. "What are your views as to the es-

bale per acre, and in many portions

tablishment of factories?" "They will come in good time, that is, as soon as we have a surplus population to seek employment therein. "You seem to have faith in irriga-

I have. It is no experiment, but has been practiced since history began, and to day, nearly one-half of mated to have perished. The preva good degree of moral certainty that Ex-Land Commissioner Walsh Strikes the cultivated land of the globe is

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